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TAGS: PFOR, WB, GW, UK, FR,UR

SUBJECT: HESS: DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS

REF: STATE 302989, 1975

1. UK BONN GROUP REP (CARTER) ASKED US ON JAN. 8 IF FCO
COULD MENTION US DEC. 23 DEMARCHE IN REPLY TO PUBLIC
ENQUIRY ON HESS. WE WERE TOLD THAT A "VERY RESPONSIBLE
PRIVATE LADY," MRS. CABORN, HAD ENQUIRED ABOUT HESS
TO FCO VIA MP LORD JAMES HAMILTON (SON OF DUKE OF
HAMILTON, ON WHOSE GROUNDS HESS LANDED). GIVEN
ROUTING OF ENQUIRY, CARTER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT US DEMARCHE
WOULD SURELY BE MADE PUBLIC IF MENTION OF IT WERE
INCLUDED IN FCO REPLY TO MRS. CABORN.

2. US REP REACTED DUBIOUSLY, SAYING HE WOULD CHECK WITH
DEPARTMENT. HE SAID IT WOULD AT LEAST BE DESIRABLE
TO AWAIT INFO FROM PARIS SO REFERENCE MIGHT BE MADE, IF
WASHINGTON AND PARIS AGREED, TO ALLIED DEMARCHES.

3. FRENCH, ALSO ON JAN. 8, FINALLY RECEIVED WORD
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FROM PARIS THAT FRENCH DEMARCHE WOULD BE MADE EITHER

"FRIDAY OR MONDAY" (JAN. 9 OR JAN. 12). IN REACTING
TO UK REQUEST, FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) INDICATED IT WAS
UNUSUAL FOR A BILATERAL DEMARCHE TO BE MADE PUBLIC BY A
THIRD STATE BUT BELIEVED PARIS WOULD AGREE.
HILLENBRAND

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